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#### **Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs**

Before the
House Committee on Intrastate Commerce
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

### On the following measure: S.B. 385, S.D. 1, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING

Chair Ohno and Members of the Committee:

My name is Charlene Tamanaha, and I am the Acting Licensing Administrator of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (PVL). The Department takes no position on sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 of this bill and offers comments on sections 6, 9, and 10.

The purpose of this bill is to repeal defaults on student loans, student loan repayment contracts, and scholarship contracts as grounds for sanctioning professional and vocational licenses.

This bill repeals Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) section 457-9(c) in section 6, HRS section 436B-19.6 in its entirety in section 9, and HRS chapter 436C in its entirety in section 10. To date, there have been no initial or renewal license denials, suspensions, or revocations pursuant to these sections because PVL has not received any certification from an administering entity that a licensee or applicant is in default or breach, or past due under a repayment plan as required under HRS chapter 436C.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Chair Ohno and Members of the Committee:

My name is Colin Hayashida, and I am the Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Insurance Division. The Department offers comments on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to repeal defaults on student loans, student loan repayment contracts, and scholarship contracts as grounds for sanctioning professional and vocational licensees.

Page 11, line 13 to page 12, line 6 of S.D. 1 eliminates the right to a hearing and an appeal from an order suspending, revoking, or not renewing any license application by the Insurance Commissioner. As this elimination does not take into account the basis for the underlying action, the Department respectfully requests that the right to a hearing and an appeal of an order in Hawaii Revised Statutes section 431:9-235(e) be reinserted in the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments: